Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Sunday 21 Feb 2021 until 23:59 on Monday 22 Feb 2021

Forecast Issued on Saturday 20 Feb 2021 at 15:25 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High confidence for forecast on Sunday and Monday and another wet and very windy day on Tuesday, lower confidence on timings and details on Tuesday.

Headline for Sunday 21 Feb 2021: Wintry showers and southwesterly severe gales continuing.

Mountain weather hazards on Sunday 21 Feb 2021

Blizzards
Low Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
Low Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Heavy snow showers (night)	Heavy snow showers (night)	Sleet showers	Dull	Light snow showers	Dull	Cloudy
Precipitation probability							
30%	30%	30%	30%	10%	10%	10%	30%

Forecast for Sunday 21 Feb 2021

Weather: Some wintry showers in the early hours and staying cloudy overnight accompanied by storm force winds there may be blizzard conditions for a time on the Munro tops. By morning a few wintery showers will linger particularly in the northwest around Torridon and Assynt. In the east there will be some breaks in the cloud and possibly some sunny intervals in the afternoon. Eastern and Northern ranges around Ben Wyvis, Glen Affric and ben Hope will see the best of the sunshine and cloud breaks. Clear spells during the evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 60% in the morning with some cloud lingering especially in the west and around showers. Improving to 90% in the afternoon with most cloud well above the summits.

Visibility: The best visibility will be in the east and north of the area where fewer showers will reach. Cloud will generally be above the summits with just a few patches falling below 800m. In the west cloud bases will become broken at 600m around wintery showers in the morning. During showers visibility may fall very poor for a time in snow or sleet. Cloud will become more scattered here by late morning at around 600m.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	53/63 S	58/70 S	52/63 SW	49/59 S	44/55 S	43/53 S	40/50 S	40/49 S	39/49 S
900	49/60 S	54/67 S	49/61 SW	46/56 S	41/52 S	40/50 S	38/47 S	37/46 S	37/47 S
600	33/45 S	39/52 S	35/47 S	32/43 S	29/41 S	28/39 S	25/35 S	24/35 S	24/35 S
300	10/45 S	12/51 S	11/46 S	10/41 S	11/40 S	10/39 S	8/35 S	7/34 S	9/35 S
Glen	18/38 S	23/46 S	21/42 S	19/39 S	18/36 S	17/34 S	14/31 S	13/30 S	15/32 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-1/-12	-1/-12	-0/-10	-1/-10	-1/-10	-0/-10	-1/-10	-1/-10	-1/-10
900	-0/-10	-0/-11	0/-9	0/-9	0/-9	0/-8	0/-8	0/-8	-0/-9
600	2/-5	2/-6	3/-5	3/-4	3/-4	3/-4	3/-4	2/-4	2/-5
300	5/1	5/1	5/2	5/2	5/2	6/3	5/3	5/2	4/1
Glen	7/3	7/3	7/3	8/3	8/4	8/4	8/4	7/4	7/3
Freezing Level*	800m	900m	1000m	1000m	900m	900m	900m	900m	800m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

A very windy day with a few storm force gusts early in the day, southerly gales will ease gradually during the day. Feeling very cold with a significant wind chill and freezing level falling just below 1000m. Rain and snow melt from previous days will make streams and rivers very full and fast flowing and some may be impassible, the ground will be very soggy in places.

Forecast for Monday 22 Feb 2021

Weather: Cloudy overnight but then generally a dry and bright day, although a few showers in the far west but also some long sunny intervals.

Maximum wind: Southerly or southwesterly 35mph with gust 45mph

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 90% generally all the summits will be clear with some good views available.

Visibility: Very good or excellent throughout.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 4 rising to plus 8 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 1 Celsius.
Freezing level: 600-800m.

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